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# CARNIVAL GOES BACK TO ITS ABINGTON PARK HOME

## NEW ROUTE AND NEW STARTING LOCATION FOR TOWN'S CARNIVAL

Northampton Carnival is set to return to Abington Park for the first time in nearly 20 years in a move which will see its 1,000-strong parade head through a greater number of residential areas.

A new route and a new starting destination have been unveiled for the yearly event set to take place on Saturday June 13, which will take the floats along Wellingborough Road, before heading into the town centre.

On its return journey to Abington Park the parade will snake through residential areas such as Clarke Road and Wantage Road.

Organiser Morcia Walker, of the Northampton Carnival Arts Consortium, says the new route could bring a boost to the Wellingborough Road area and bring the carnival to more people's doorsteps than ever before.

She said: "We are hoping to see people lining Wellingborough Road and we are hoping to see people out on the streets we pass watching the parade go by.

"There will be all sorts of entertainment in the park from noon as well."

In recent years the carnival parade had been held at Delapre Park.

But in 2014 Northampton Borough Council told the organisers they could not use the land due to water drainage problems there.

Instead the committee was forced to move the carnival to Far Cotton Recreation Ground, just two weeks before the event was meant to take place.

Mrs Walker said the change of venue to Abington Park comes after a year of productive talks with the council.

"The last three years we have not had somewhere to call a home," she said.



Organiser of Northampton Carnival, Morcia Walker, says the new route should give a boost to the Wellingborough Road area on carnival day

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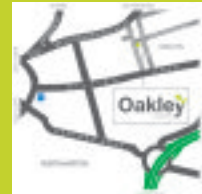
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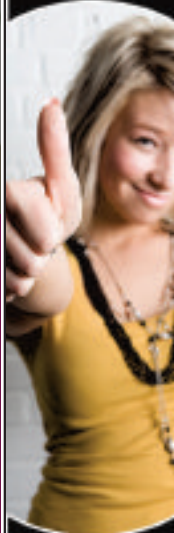
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The Education Fellowship, which sponsors schools in Northampton, has had a financial notice to improve lifted

# 'Changed' academy trust improves financial plan

By **CALLUM JONES**  
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**A financial notice to improve, issued to a trust which runs nine schools in Northamptonshire, including two in Northampton, has been lifted.**

The Education Fellowship, which sponsors Blackthorn and Thorplands Primary Schools in Northampton, was found to have "irresponsibly" spent thousands of pounds of public money in a report published by The Education Funding Agency (EFA) published in April last year.

The report found that two governors had received expenses of £45,000 in 2012/13 and there were "very high levels of private car usage, travel and subsistence

and accommodation costs incurred for business travel".

The expenses policy the trust used, which applied to an individual academy, also allowed for 'moderate consumption' of alcohol despite the fact the use of public funds to purchase alcohol is deemed to be an improper use of funds.

The EFA served the trust with a written notice to improve financial management, control and governance and the agency has monitored its progress towards meeting 26 recommendations for improvement during the past 12 months. In response to the review, the trust said "significant structural changes" had been made since the period covered by the report, which was up to August 31, 2013.

Johnson Kane, chief executive of The Education Fellowship, said: "We are all very pleased to have confirmation that the Financial Notice to Improve has been lifted.

"The fellowship is a changed organisation complete with a new set of trustees, and we are pleased

that the EFA has both seen this and respects it and has endorsed that we are an academy trust making a huge difference in education.

"We have developed a new structure and ethos through co-ownership which we believe, over time, can make our schools the best in the land."

## Education Fellowship runs academies across the county

- The Education Fellowship was founded in 2012.
- Its academies are Wellingborough's Olympic Primary, Ruskin Junior, Warwick Primary and Wrenn School, Windmill Primary in Raunds, Rushden Academy and Risedene

Academy in Rushden, Blackthorn Academy and Thorplands Primary in Northampton, as well as Clarendon Academy in Trowbridge, Desborough College in Maidenhead and Pembroke Park Primary in Salisbury.

# Health warning over swimming in open waters

TAKING a dip in open water could see your breathing get 10 times faster in seconds then give you a heart attack, Northamptonshire fire service has warned.

County firefighters said a condition called Cold Water Shock, which numbs the muscles and can make it difficult to swim, can happen on the warmest of days if people swim in canals, rivers and lakes.

The instinctive physical re-

sponse not only affects a person's breathing, but will reduce their muscles' ability and can lead to a heart attack. The cold water causes the blood vessels in the skin to close up, meaning the heart has to work harder.

They warn a person's breathing rate could increase dramatically (up to 10 times faster) and there may also be a 'gasp' response, which can cause them to breathe in water. All of this can contribute to

a feeling of panic. After a while the body will regain control, but, the fire service warned, it may be too late by then.

Cold Water Shock is even known to have negative impacts on victims' chances of survival, even if they are rescued from the water.

Ahead of this week's forecast heatwave, brigade manager Dawn Whittaker of Northants Fire Service, who also leads water safety nation-

ally, said: "While reservoirs, lakes, rivers and other inland waters may look safe and inviting, particularly on a warm day, there are also hidden dangers below the surface that could make you ill, hurt you and – at worst – could kill you.

"We do not want to stop people enjoying water, but we do want to ensure that people of all ages are more aware of the risks that can be present in and beside open water."



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# Sporting heroes

**M**ore than a thousand spectators saw a host of sporting heroes dust off their football boots for a charity match in memory of a Northampton rugby legend.

Question of Sport team captain and former Saints rugby ace Matt Dawson was among the stars to take to the pitch at Sixfields this afternoon for the Leon Barwell Foundation Trophy match.

The game, which saw the Leon Barwell Allstars line up against the Leon Barwell Legends, finished 4-4 with former Cobbler Neil Grayson claiming man of the match for his hat-trick performance for the Allstars.

The end-to-end match provided some standout moments - in particular when England rugby ace Ben Cohen slid a pass through for his 43-year-old fellow world cup winning team mate Mike Catt to score for the Legends in the second half.

But wife of former Saints



chairman Leon, Paula Barwell, said the event will have raised thousands of pounds to give families battling cancer a chance to create new memories.

She said: "I'm very happy with today, we are really pleased."

"It was a great turn out, it was great fun and there was a great atmosphere."

"I'm glad it ended a draw, both teams played so well."

The Leon Barwell

Foundation was launched last year in memory of Leon, who died of cancer aged 45, in June 2013.

The foundation now aims to fund short holidays and trips for families in Northamptonshire who are dealing with a similar situation.

Former Saints scrum-half Matt Dawson failed to get on the score sheet today and pulled up with a slight injury in the first half,

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# remember legend



but the Question of Sport team captain enjoyed the occasion.

"It was lovely," he said. "It was great to just hang out with some of my old mates and see plenty of people turn out for a fantastic charity."

And Mike Catt, who claimed to have limited footballing experience before today's match proved a surprisingly effective winger.

The South African born rugby player said: "I just wished my legs could have held out a little bit longer,

but it was great fun, we are all still sportsmen through and through.

"In the second half I think we had about 17 players on the pitch."

Among the stars taking to the pitch today were former Cobblers captain Ray Warburton, cricket legend Allan Lamb and former England winger Jason Robinson, who still showed an impressive turn of pace aged 40.

But among the stars business owner Liam Warren, from Corby, enjoyed his stint in goal for the

Legends team, having won a competition to take part in the match.

The 33-year-old, who plays in the reserves for a football club in Spratton, even made two vital stops in the first half.

He said: "I think saving a shot from Jason Robinson was a real highlight."

"He might have been a rugby player, but he can still move and he was a World Cup winner."

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# Boss retires after 40 years at store

By FRANCESCA GOSLING  
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**A store manager at a Northamptonshire shopping centre has retired after working at the centre since it opened more than 40 years ago.**

Chris Nightingale started work as manager at Hayling Racing (now Ladbrokes) on the day before the centre opened on October 29, 1974.

When it was discovered he was the only person still working there since then, he was asked to cut a cake at the centre's 40th anniversary ceremony last year.

The 67-year-old grandfather, from Cogenhoe, said: "It's been a great job because, as a sports fan, it's where everything is going on. But it will be nice not to have to get up early every day and work until 10pm."

Mr Nightingale previously ran a store in London but moved to the Weston Favell store to be nearer to home. He said: "Working nearer home was great, but I didn't realise quite how long it would be for."

"Having the security guards there makes it a safer place to work than the town centre and I will miss all the friends I have made."

"When you work some-



Chris Nightingale (right) receives a retirement gift after 40 years at a bookies in Weston Favell Centre

where for that long, they become like a family. I want to thank them for all of our memories and wish them all the best for the future."

Remembering the day the store was opened, by English heavyweight boxer Henry Cooper, he said: "It was a great day, he was such a gentleman and the whole shop was buzzing."

"We gave him a free £10 bet as a thank you and he managed to pick the longest winner of the day at 12-1, giving him £130, a huge amount of money in 1974."

"We donated the winnings to the church, although, as it

was money won, they were a bit dubious about accepting the gift, but we persuaded them in the end."

As a leaving gift, the centre management team chipped in to buy him a specially-engraved hip flask to take with him when he plays golf.

Kevin Legg, centre manager for Weston Favell said: "We are all sad to see Chris go; he has been a big part of this centre for longer than any of us."

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# Sign up for charity ride at Silverstone

**By ALICE DYER**  
Web Editor  
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**Families are being urged to sign up for a charity bike ride around Silverstone Circuit during the May Bank Holiday weekend.**

Organisers from NorPIP say the annual ride on Friday, May 1, will be bigger and better than last year and will give cyclists the chance to ride alongside Formula One teams Red Bull and Mercedes Petronas.

The event welcomes cycle riders from age seven upwards, giving children and grown-ups the chance to rev their bikes up in the pit lanes, take to the chicanes and go.

A spokeswoman said: "Aston Martin, Ferrari and Toyota will give you the opportunity to see their cars up close as well as great stalls and giveaways from British Cycling, soft play areas for children, and local dignitaries making an appearance.



Some of the riders who took part in a previous charity bike ride organised by NorPIP at Silverstone Circuit

"Spectators, as well as cyclists, are welcomed to this tremendous event which promises to be an opportunity to beat Formula One teams on wheels," she said.

The annual bike race raises money for Northamptonshire based charity, NorPIP.

Executive director Anna Day said: "We use these funds to help parents who are struggling with coping with their babies, often as a result of postnatal depression or

mental health problems.

"We provide therapy to families to help them overcome traumas affecting their ability to parent, helping them to develop a loving relationship."

NorPIP Bike Ride is on Friday, May 1, from 6pm-8.30pm at Silverstone International F1 Track.

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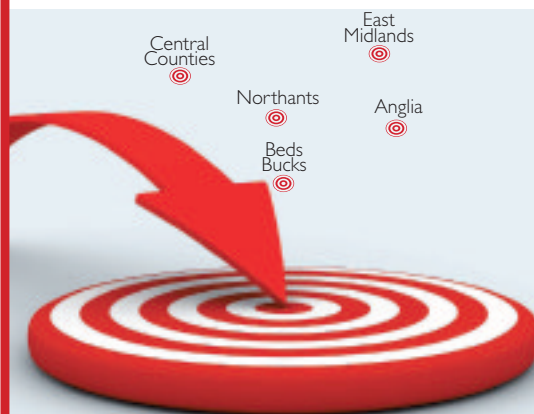
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# Drummer going in right direction with new car

**By FRANCESCA GOSLING**  
Reporter  
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**Josh Devine, drummer for boy band One Direction, made a visit to Northampton last week to pick up his new car and shared his childhood memories about visits to the town.**

The self-proclaimed "petrol-head" said he used to come to the town to visit friends, go to Sixfields cinema and his dad even took him to see a Cobblers game once.

Sitting in the Volkswagen garage at the Riverside Business Park, shortly before driving his £38,000 Scirocco R, the 23-year-old said: "I like Northampton; it has a lot of good roads."

"I've always been into cars, ever since I started driving at 17 years old. I live to take Niall Horan around (One Direction singer) and give him a bit of a scare from time to time," he added.

A multi-talented musician,



One Direction drummer, Josh Devine, picked up a new £38,000 Volkswagen Scirocco at Riverside Business Park

Mr Devine last month released his first serious single, *Here to Stay*, in which he plays drums, guitar, bass and sings.

A lot of his time is also spent doing session work in Los Angeles where, he said, he enjoys the American cars and the lack of speed cameras on roads.

Before settling on the oryx white, automatic Scirocco, he said: "I was thinking about a Golf, the Ferrari 458 or a McLaren MP4-12C."

"My real favourite is the Audi R8 V10 but I don't spend enough time here to enjoy it. Plus I've been buying a new

car every year for the past four years so I like to keep things changing."

Mr Devine said he often visited the Northampton Volkswagen garage when considering his next purchase.

He said: "I spend a fair bit of time here, it's almost like a second family."

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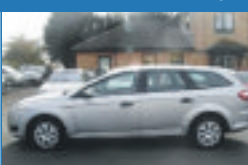
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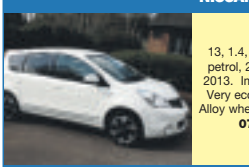
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# Registration for the latest JobsToday virtual careers fair has now opened

Jobstoday have opened registration for their latest national Virtual Careers Fair to connect talented job seekers to local and national employers.

The Virtual Careers Fair is an online platform where job seekers can browse top companies from across the UK, connect in a real time environment and apply for advertised vacancies; all for FREE and from the comfort of their computers. Proven a popular platform with both employers and job seekers alike, the 12 day fair will take place from the 2nd September to the 13th September.

Exciting online features include chat and video technology; businesses can bring to life their vacancies while job seekers can speak to employers to really show off their skills and expertise to help them land their next job. Job seekers can also take advantage of the compatibility test which allows them to find out which companies are most suited to them.

A wide range of employers will be attending to suit every candidate's needs – great businesses already booked to attend

include Nationwide and Sodexo.

The pre-registration process will guarantee registrants entry to the event ensuring they don't miss out. Plus, all job seekers who register before the 2nd September will be automatically entered into a free prize draw to win an iPad Mini.

Joanne Harwood, Group Category Manager at Johnston Press, said: "Our aim is to help candidates and employers to connect all over the country. With busy lifestyles searching for that perfect job can be a time-consuming exercise, especially when trying to juggle existing work commitments. A virtual experience, which results in the same outcome by helping job seekers find better opportunities at the convenience of their homes, can only benefit job seekers."

Job seekers interested in the fair are encouraged to sign up for free today at [www.jobstodaycareerfair.com](http://www.jobstodaycareerfair.com) to ensure they are guaranteed entry from the 2nd September.

Businesses can find out how to get involved by contacting 0114-299 6173 or emailing [info@jobstoday.co.uk](mailto:info@jobstoday.co.uk)



Promotion



# SPORT

## Hornby released by Cobblers

### Teenage midfielder will not be offered new contract at Sixfields

#### FOOTBALL

**The Cobblers will not be offering injury-hit midfielder Lewis Hornby a new contract.**

Hornby, who hasn't played a first team game since the league two promotion play-off final at Wembley in May, 2013, was told the news on Monday by manager Chris Wilder.

The 19-year-old's Sixfields career is now over and he is free to try and find a new club.

"The boy hasn't played football for two years, and sometimes you come to a decision between yourself and the coaching staff that maybe he needs to get himself up and running somewhere else," said Wilder.

"He maybe needs a new environment to get himself working at.

"It is a shame because when I came to the club people were talking about him in good light, but I haven't been able to see him kick a ball really, not even in training for quite a while.

"But hopefully he will get over his injury problems and get himself going."

Hornby, who is Northampton-born and came through the youth team ranks at Sixfields, broke into the Cobblers first team under then manager Aidy Boothroyd as a 17-year-old in the 2012-13 season.

He made 29 appearances in all as Town reached the play-off final, where Hornby was a second-half substitute as Bradford City romped to a 3-0 victory.

Hornby, who signed a two-and-a-half year Sixfields deal in January 2013, developed a back problem the following summer and although he did play in pre-season before the injury was properly diagnosed, he was missing for the entire 2013-14 campaign.

He did manage to overcome that long-term problem, and has been fit enough to make the bench for the first team on various occasions this season, most recently at AFC Wimbledon on Good Friday, but has not taken to the field.

A series of knee and groin problems mean he hasn't made an appearance for Wilder.

"When I spoke to Lewis he understood, and maybe I got the vibe from him as well that a change of environment might be best," said the Cobblers boss.

"He has been here for quite a long while, and it might be best for both parties.

"It's a situation for us going forward that, not just with Lewis but with others as well, we have to make sure our recruitment is right in terms of the players that we bring in are reliable and robust."



**NO DEAL** injury-hit midfielder Lewis Hornby will not be offered a new contract at Northampton Town

## Wakely backs Kleinveldt to shine at County

**NORTHANTS** captain Alex Wakely is backing the club's overseas signing to make a big impact this summer.

South African Rory Kleinveldt made his bow for the County in the opening game of the season against Gloucestershire.

And while the match did not necessarily go completely to plan for captain, bowler or team,

#### CRICKET

Wakely has seen enough of his new recruit to expect good things to come.

"I think Rory is going to be a very big player for us," the skipper explained.

"He's a great guy and has fitted in brilliantly in the dressing-room.

"He has brought his family over with him and

he seems to be settled in already.

"He didn't feel he bowled as well as he wanted to in the first game - he thought he bowled a little bit too wide.

"But he has only just arrived here and it is a different thing bowling in this country than it is in South Africa.

"It's not just the conditions but the ball.

He uses the Kookaburra at home and the ball will swing a lot more here.

"I think any pitch that has a bit of green tinge to it and he is going to cause a lot of problems and be a real asset for us."

Wakely does admit any success will require some fortune on the injury front as Northamptonshire currently have only six

frontline seam bowlers on their staff.

But, if Lady Luck smiles, he is sure they can use Kleinveldt to his best potential.

Wakely added: "If we can keep our bowlers fit it will make his job easier.

"I don't see him as the sort of bowler you want to take the brunt of the workload.

"You want to use him in

short spells and bring him back a few times during the day.

"He did well for us against Gloucestershire and showed he is a fine bowler.

"I also thought Olly Stone bowled really well.

"He bowled with real pace and was probably about two yards quicker than last year.

"That was good to see."